

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CHANMONY HUOT, VLADIMIR SALDAÑA,
LIANNA KUSHI, THOEUN KONG, DENISSE
COLLAZO, SUE J. KIM, SOADY OUCH,
TOOCH VAN, CARMEN BERMUDEZ, KEI
KAWASHIMA-GINSBERG, and FAHMINA
ZAMAN,

Plaintiffs,

No. 1:17-cv-10895-DLC

v.

CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS; KEVIN
J. MURPHY, in his official capacity
as Lowell City Manager; LOWELL CITY
COUNCIL; RITA M. MERCIER, RODNEY M.
ELLIOTT, EDWARD J. KENNEDY, JR., JOHN
J. LEAHY, WILLIAM SAMARAS, JAMES L.
MILINAZZO, DANIEL P. ROURKE, COREY A.
BELANGER, JAMES D. LEARY, in their
official capacities as members of the
Lowell City Council; LOWELL SCHOOL
COMMITTEE; STEPHEN J. GENDRON,
JACQUELINE DOHERTY, CONNIE A. MARTIN,
ROBERT J. HOEY, JR., ROBERT JAMES)
GIGNAC, ANDRE DESCOTEAUX, in their
official capacities as members of the
Lowell School Committee; LOWELL
ELECTION AND CENSUS COMMISSION; and
BEVERLY ANTHES, JOSEPH MULLEN, THEL
SAR, THOMAS FR. O'BRIEN, in their
official capacities as members of the
Lowell Election and Census
Commission,

Defendants.

ORDER ALLOWING JOINT MOTION FOR CONSENT DECREE (Dkt. 103)

CABELL, U.S.M.J.:

The plaintiffs and defendants in this matter brought under
the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301, have reached a settlement

and filed a joint motion for the entry of a consent decree.¹ Having reviewed the proposed decree, the Court finds that it is fair, adequate, and reasonable, that it will not violate the Constitution, a statute, or other authority, and that it is consistent with the objectives of the Voting Rights Act. See *Conservation Law Found. v. Franklin*, 989 F.2d 54, 58 (1st Cir. 1993). Therefore, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

1. The Consent Decree, attached as Exhibit A to Docket Number 103, is **APPROVED**.
2. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for purposes of enforcement.
3. To the extent not addressed by this Order, all pending motions are **DISMISSED** as moot.

/s/ Donald L. Cabell
DONALD L. CABELL, U.S.M.J.

DATED: June 13, 2019

¹ The current defendants are the City of Lowell, Eileen Donoghue (substituted for Kevin J. Murphy as Lowell City Manager), Lowell City Council, Rita M. Mercier, Rodney M. Elliot, Edward J. Kennedy, Jr., John J. Leahy, William Samaras, James L. Milinazzo, Vesna Nuon (replacing James D. Leary), Karen Cirillo (replacing Corey A. Belanger), David Conway (replacing Daniel P. Rourke), Lowell School Committee, Dominik Hok Lay (replacing Stephen J. Gedron), Jacqueline Doherty, Connie A. Martin, Robert J. Hoey, Jr., Gerard Nutter (replacing Robert James Gignac), Andre Descoteaux, Lowell Election and Census Commission, Beverly Anthes, Joseph Mullen, Zoe Arthur (replacing Thel Sar), and Thomas Fr. O'Brien.